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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 24
46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A
FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE HOW THE STATE CAN ESTABLISH
STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES.

WHEREAS, the national cemetery in Santa Fe is nearing
capacity and increasing difficulty of expansion; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a large veteran population of over
one hundred seventy thousand; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on our society to honor and
preserve customs that bind our people and thereby strengthen
us; and

WHEREAS, veterans of our armed services who fought in wars
for the preservation of our liberty, freedom and strength will
follow all living things and succumb to the inevitable peace of
death; and

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1 WHEREAS, moral, health and legal necessities claim a final
2 resting place for our warriors, a claim we all have on our
3 fellows; and

4 WHEREAS, there are several proposals currently being
5 advanced and considered at the local, state and national
6 levels; and

7 WHEREAS, it is incumbent that we move in a direction that
8 will best serve the needs of the state for more than the short
9 term;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to create a
12 commission to study the various proposals and recommend the
13 best plan to establish new veterans' cemeteries in the state;
14 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission be made up of
16 two members of the house of representatives, two members of the
17 senate, the director of the New Mexico veterans' service
18 commission, the commissioner of public lands, one
19 representative of each of the New Mexico congressional offices
20 and one member of the major veterans organizations in the
21 state; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission complete its
23 task by December 1, 2004 and report its findings and
24 recommendations to the appropriate interim committee of the
25 legislature; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of the senate and the directory of the New Mexico veterans' service commission.

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